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SUBJ: TRI QUANG WILL NOT VOTE IN ELECTION

REF: A. SAIGON 8241
B. SAIGON 15020 Pol 13-6 Viet + R Pol 14 Viet S

1. THICH TRI QUANG, DO FACTO AN QUANG BUDDHIST LEADER, ISSUED MODERATELY WORDED, "PERSONAL" COMMUNIQUE SEPTEMBER 25 ANNOUNCING "HIS DECISION NOT TO VOTE" IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND REPEATING THE REASONING OF HIS MAY 25 STATEMENT (REF A) THAT THE ELECTION "WILL NOT HAVE A DECISIVE VALUE FOR PEACE".

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3. TEXT OF TRI QUANG COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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